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INTERIM

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

J.L.R. Philip. M.B. Ch.B.

for the year

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
1939.

His Worship The Mayor.
(Alderman S.G. Tydeman. J.P.)

Chairman. Councillor C.C. Cowell.

Deputy Chairman. Councillor. E.C. Dines.

Alderman. A.L. Clarke.

Councillors.-

C.W. Betts.
H Coult.
G.W. Free.
A Gepp.
J.W. Gozzett.
J.J. Oliver.

OFFICERS.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.
J.L.R. Philip. M.B. Ch.B.

Sanitary Inspector.
E. McC. Taylor. Cert. S.I.B. M.S.I.A.
(Qualified Inspector of Meat and Other Foods).

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BOROUGH of MALDON.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors and Burgesses
of the Borough of Maldon.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Interim Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough for the year 1939. As this is only an interim report, as requested by the Ministry of Health, a full Report will be given in the usual form at the end of hostilities.

Owing to the onset of war in September it was anticipated that a far greater strain would be placed on the Public Health Services. Fortunately, as regards Infectious Diseases, anxieties felt were not confirmed, since the health of the 800 evacuees who came to Maldon remained uniformily good throughout the Winter. Neither did the billeting of troops in the Borough cause any increased incidence of Infectious Diseases.

At the outbreak of war an increased impetus was given to the recruitment and training of A.R.P. personnel, and by the end of the year these had reached a high standard of efficiency. Two fixed and two mobile First Aid Posts are maintained, and these are fully equipped and manned by day and night.

The war has necessarily curtailed some of the work of the Public Health Department, particularly in regard to better Housing conditions, but it is hoped at the end of hostilities an early start made be made with this problem.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council and the Officials for the assistance given to me at all times.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J.L.R. PHILIP.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

R E P O R T

of the

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the
year
1939.

SECTION. A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area.	Land (acres) as extended at April 1934.	5946.
	Inland water.	13.
	Tidal waters.	120.
	Foreshore.	566.
	Total.	6645.

Population (Census 1931 Original Borough.	6559.
" (R.G. Estimate 1939 Extended Borough	9261.
Number of Inhabited Houses.	2731.
Number of families or seperate occupiers.	2820.
Rateable value unreduced.	£55,420.
" " reduced.	£50,109.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£195.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of year.

		Total.	Males.	Females.	
Births.	Legitimate.	123.	68.	55.	Birth Rate per 1,000 of population.
	Illegitimate.	6.	5.	1.	14.2.
	Total.	129.	73.	56.	

		Total.	Males	Females.	
Still-Births.	Legitimate.	3.	1.	2.	Rate per 1,000 total births.
	Illegitimate.	0.	0.	0.	22.7.
	Total.	3.	1.	2.	

Deaths.	110.	65.	45.	Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated population
			Crude.	11. 88.
			"Comparable"	9. 84.

Deaths from puerperal causes	Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age-

All infants per 1,000 live births.	38.7.
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.	24.3.
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	333.0.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages).	13.
Deaths from Measles. (all ages).	0.
Deaths from Whooping Cough. (all ages).	0.
Deaths from Diarrhœa. (under 2 yrs of age).	0.

Deaths classified by age.

Under 1 year.	5.
1 and under 2.	1.
2 and under 5.	1.
5 and under 15.	3.
15 and under 25.	2.
25 and under 35.	5.
35 and under 45.	2.
45 and under 55.	9.
55 and under 65.	15.
65 and under 75.	24.
75 and upwards.	43.
Total Deaths.	110.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. Water. The Borough, with the exception of a few outlying portions is served by a piped supply, which is in the hands of the Corporation. Routine chemical and bacteriological examinations of the waters are carried out. The results of these analyses during the year have been very satisfactory.

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SECTION. E.

Inspection and supervision of Food.

Milk. The Farms, Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops are regularly inspected to see that the provisions of the Milk and Dairies Orders are being observed. A high standard of cleanliness was maintained at these premises.

Inspection of Meat and Other Foods.
The inspection of meat is carried out in accordance the Memorandum on Meat Inspection issued Ministry of Health by a Qualified Meat and Food Inspector.

SECTION F.

Infectious Diseases.

The number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year was not large.
Anti toxin is used promptly in all suspected cases of Diphtheria by the Medical Practitioners in the Borough, and supplies are available at the Municipal Offices and the Isolation Hospital.

Notifiable Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis) during 1939.

Infectious Disease.		Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	11.	Nil.
Diphtheria.	18.	2.
Varicella.	8.	Nil.
Pneumonia.	3.	1.
Puer. Pyrexia.	1.	Nil.
Erysipelas.	2.	Nil.
Acute Poliomyelitis	1.	Nil.
Measles.	1.	Nil.
Totals.	45.	3.